



CLARK COUNTY PROFILE

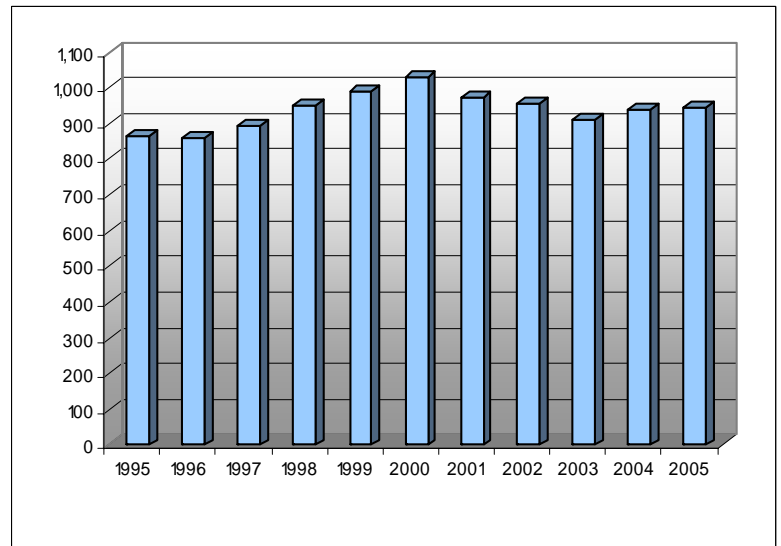
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Population

The most recent population estimates show Clark County as the smallest county in the state in terms of population at 943 individuals in 2005. Over the past decade, the county has seen a total growth of 77, but the numbers show a wave-like effect with small variations except for the peak in 2000 at 1,027 individuals. Clark County has approximately five-tenths of a person per square mile, resulting in a limited labor force.

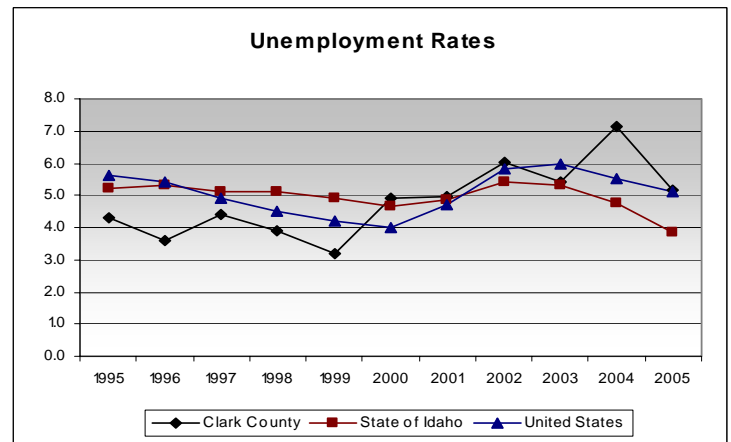
The county experienced an average annual gain of 8 people over the decade. The largest increase of 57 people was seen between 1997 to 1998. From 2000 at its peak to 2005, the county has taken a total loss of 84 people. However, it gained 6 people from 2004 to 2005. The county is highly dependent on agricultural activity and government jobs.



Labor Force & Employment

Although Clark County has enjoyed one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state, the past four years have shown higher-than-normal rates. Due to its dependency on the *Agricultural* and *Government* industries, such variables as water shortages and state and local budget cuts have affected the county. The county has generally had an unemployment rate lower than or equal to the state and nation for the past decade with the exception of 2004, when it surpassed both by over 1.5 percentage points. The last several years have been tough on the county's agriculturally-dependent economy with water and energy shortages, and an oversupply of potatoes. The county experienced several larger dips in the *Civilian Labor Force* over the decade, with a total decrease of 103. With the average age of the farmer on the rise, the county is gradually losing younger population to urban education and employment opportunities.

Farming is the largest industry in the county, but does not show in the pie chart on the second page of this profile as industries listed do not include farming. Of those industries listed in the pie chart, *Government* employs the most people (42 percent) with county and educational jobs falling into this category. Over



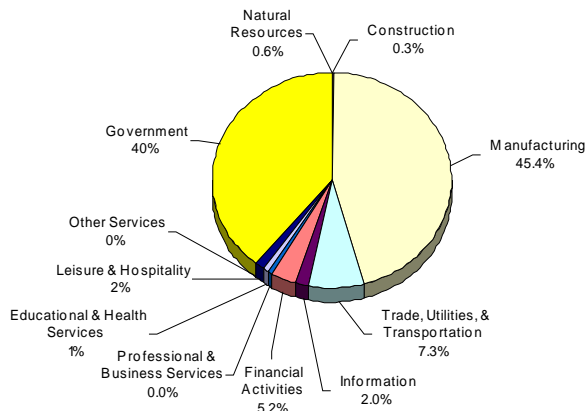
66 percent of the land is owned by the federal government with another 7 percent owned by the state. The majority of acreage is considered rangeland and sheep are a large commodity. Governmental agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Interior, and the U.S. Postal Service contribute to the industry along with other small agency offices of state and local entities. The *Manufacturing* industry comes in just under *Government* with 41.1 percent of the jobs. Two of the county's largest employers are Blaine Larsen Farms, Inc. which produces and processes large quantities of hay and RDO which processes potatoes. *Trade* ranks third in industry size.

The county is located on the Montana and Idaho border, and includes part of the Continental Divide. The area is picturesque and serene and has not seen a lot of change over the decade.

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	528	547
Total Employment	504	521
Unemployed	24	26
Clark County % Unemployed	4.6	4.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	628	637	597	589	554	537	562	471	521	513	525
Unemployment	27	23	26	23	18	26	28	28	28	37	27
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.3	3.6	4.4	3.9	3.2	4.9	5.0	6.0	5.4	7.2	5.2
Employment	601	614	571	566	536	511	534	443	493	476	498

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Covered Employment & Wages

Covered Employment includes employers who are subject to state and federal Unemployment Insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

The number of those employed under covered employment increased 21.7 percent, or 86 people, over the decade. Most of the increase is in *Manufacturing*; however, the specific information on this industry cannot be listed due to the limited number of employers in the industry. Average wages increased over \$6,200, or 36.1 percent, during the same time period. Wages in *Financial Activities* and *Government* each increased at \$10,648 and \$5,854 respectively over the decade, and *Agriculture* increased by over \$43,000 just over the year. However, the employment number was also cut in half.

Major Employers

Blaine Larsen Farms, Inc.
Clark County
Clark County School District #161
Clark County True Value Hardware, Inc.
RDO
Scoggins Inc.
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Eastern ID Occupational Wages*

	Average Wage
Cashiers	\$7.79
Farm Equipment Mechanics	\$14.41
Industrial Truck/Tractor Operators	\$11.32
Farm workers	\$8.34
Food Processing Workers	\$9.97
Graders & Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$7.01
Packers & Packagers, hand	\$8.58
Office Clerks, General	\$10.69
Retail Sales Workers	\$9.52
Truck Drivers, Light	\$11.26
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$13.38

* Wage data includes 15 counties of Eastern Idaho. Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	396	\$17,408	552	\$24,237	482	\$23,684
Agriculture	*	*	63	\$35,801	30	\$78,844
Mining	*	*	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	*	*	253	\$22,943	*	*
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	41	\$17,711	30	\$12,798	31	\$13,073
Information	*	*	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	10	\$17,548	15	\$24,248	16	\$28,196
Professional and Business Services	0	\$0	*	*	2	\$30,958
Educational and Health Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leisure and Hospitality	18	\$5,302	7	\$5,410	7	\$5,674
Other Services	*	*	0	\$0	0	\$0
Government	154	\$19,196	168	\$24,671	167	\$25,050

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Clark County	\$24,700	\$27,964	\$23,201	\$21,283	\$23,598	\$23,254	\$27,951	\$24,548	\$24,411	\$23,806
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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